



**The South North Center  
Organized  
an  
International Forum on**

**MIGRATION AND GLOBALIZATION  
and two workshops on “Migration and Development”  
and “Moroccan-Italian Cooperation”**

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Fès, Morocco**

**FINAL REPORT**

The South North Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Migration Studies organized on January 13th-15th 2009 an international forum on the theme “Migration and Globalization”, bringing together scholars, policy makers and journalists from Europe, the Middle East, North Africa, and the US.

The conference dealt with the following sub-themes:

- 1- Migration and development in North Africa: prospects for the future
- 2- Migration, youth and social reform
- 3- Migration South-North, Integration, and Euro-Arab Relations
- 4- Migration, Media(s) and Human Trafficking
- 5- Migration South-North and brain drain, a challenge for the future?
- 6- Migration, gender, and human rights
- 7 -Actors, action plans and strategies: e.g. UN, ILO, IOM, EU, Attac

The conference reviewed plans of action and policy instruments addressing current migration flows and pressures, in order to promote a better management of migration issues, based on the collaboration of experts, policy makers, and civil society organizations from North African countries and the European Union.

Over three days, participants reviewed the current policy of migration to deal with migration and social pressures, including illegal immigration and the rights of migrants and the integration of migrants in economic development and social, to promote cooperation between experts and policy makers, civil society organizations in the South and North.

The final day was devoted to two workshops on "Migration and development" and "cooperation Morocco - Italy, to promote dialogue between governments and civil society and develop fair and consistent policies on migration and sustainable development.

The Forum made the following recommendations:

- 1 - Provide the necessary resources to the countries of the southern Mediterranean to deal with migration, particularly irregular migration
- 2 - To help the South to restructure their economies and achieve sustainable development
- 3 - Consider cultural diversity as a means of integration of migrants
- 4 - Adopt a co-development approach with the problems of migration, taking into account the human, cultural, social and economic
- 5 - To reform the education system in the southern and northern countries focusing on youth needs and problems of modern society
- 6 - To encourage foreign companies and multinationals to invest more in the South
- 7 - To consolidate cooperation and increase exchanges between the countries of origin and host countries

8 - Ease the visa procedure for access to the North

*The South North Center for Intercultural Dialogue and Migration Studies was created on 28 August 2006 in Fès, Morocco, by a group of Moroccan university professors and researchers. The Center in multidisciplinary studies of intercultural dialogue and migration issues in the Mediterranean region. Among its objectives the following:*

- ✚ Promotion of intercultural dialogue ,*
- ✚ Reinforcing research on intercultural dialogue and migration studies in the Mediterranean region,*
- ✚ Fostering all initiatives of economic, social, and cultural exchange between South and North,*
- ✚ Enhancing cooperation links between Morocco and other countries in terms of intercultural dialogue and migration,*
- ✚ Consolidating the links of citizenship between Moroccans abroad and inside Morocco, and encouraging their investments in Morocco,*

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